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       TREATMENT OF A BONE FRACTURE, ESPECIALLY  
       OF A PROXIMAL HUMERAL OR FEMORAL  
       FRACTURE  
 Group Art Unit : 3775  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified patent application is hereby made by the applicant. Applicant provides the submission indicated below.

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**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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**RCE FEE AUTHORIZATION**

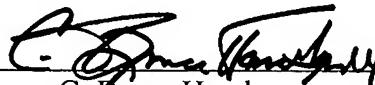
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